

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT

EFS&T Deptt., - Constitution of Air Quality Monitoring Committee (AQMC) for preparation and implementation of Action Plan for attaining Ambient Air Quality(AAQ) for lowering of Air Pollution places of Hyderabad, Patancheru and Nalgonda, as per the orders of the NGT, dated:8.10.2018 in O.A.No.681 of 2018 - Orders – Issued .

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 182

Dated: 20-11-2018

Read the following:-

- 1) Orders of Hon'ble NGT, Dated.8.10.18 in O.A.No.681 of 2018.
- 2) Letter from the Regional Director, CPCB, Regional Directorate, Bengaluru, Tech/163/non-attainment/RDS/2018-19/1289, Dt.12.10.2018.
- 3) From the M.S., TSPCB, Hyd., Lr.No.93 /TSPCB /LAB/EPCA /2018-2494, dated: 9.11.2018.

ORDER:

The Member Secretary, Telangana State Pollution Control Board, Hyderabad in his letter 3rd read above, with reference to the orders of Hon'ble NGT 1st read above and also as per the correspondence of CPCB 2nd read above has reported that the following directions are issued by the Hon'ble NGT in respect of Air Quality:

- i) all the states and union territories with nonattainment cities must prepare appropriate action plans within two months aimed at bringing the standards of air quality within the prescribed norms within 6 months from date of finalisation of the action plans;
- ii) the action plan may be prepared by 6 member committee comprising of Directors of Environment, Transport, Industries, Urban Development Agriculture and Member Secretary, State Pollution Control Board or committee of the concerned state/Union Territory. The committee may be called Air Quality Monitoring Committee (AQMC). The AQMC will function under the overall supervision and coordination of Principal Secretary, Environment of the concerned State/Union Territory. This may be further supervised by the Chief Secretaries concerned or their counterparts in Union Territories by ensuring inter-sectoral coordination;
- iii) the action plans may take into account the GRAP, the CAP and the Action Plan prepared by CPCB as well as all other relevant factors. The action plans may be forwarded to the CPCB by 31.12.2018. The same may be placed before the committee as directed in Direction number vi. The Action Plan will include components like identification of source and its apportionment considering sectors like vehicular pollution, industrial pollution shall also consider measures for strengthening of ambient air quality monitoring and steps for public awareness including issuing of advisory to public for prevention and control of air pollution and involvement of schools colleges and other academic Institutions and awareness programs;
- iv) the Action Plan will indicate steps to be taken to check different sources of pollution having speedy, definite and specific timelines for execution;

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- v) the Action plan should be consistent with the carrying capacity assessment of the non-attainment cities in terms of vehicular pollution, Industrial emissions and population density, extent of construction and construction activities etc., The carrying capacity assessment shall also lay emphasis on agricultural and indoor pollution in rural areas. Depending upon assessed carrying capacity and source apportionment, the authorities may consider the need for regulating number of vehicles and their parking and plying, population density, extent of construction and construction activities etc., Guidelines may accordingly be framed to regulate vehicles and industries in non-attainment cities in terms of carrying capacity assessment and source apportionment;
- vi) the committee shall examine the action plans and on the recommendation of the committee the Chairman, CPCB shall approve the same by 31-01-2019;
- vii) the Chief Secretaries of the State and Administrators/Advisors to Administrators of the union territories will be personally accountable for failure to formulate action plans, as directed;
- viii) the CPCBs, SPCBs and State Pollution Control Committees shall develop a public grievance redressal portal for redressal of public complaints on air pollution along with a supervisory mechanism for its disposal in a time bound manner. Any visible air pollution can be reported at such portal by email/SMS;
- ix) the CPCB and all the State Pollution Control Boards and Pollution Control Committees shall collectively workout and design a robust Nationwide ambient air quality monitoring programme in a revised format by strengthening the existing monitoring network with respect to coverage of more cities/towns. The scope of monitoring should be expanded to include all 12 notified parameters as per Notification No. B-29016/20/90 /PCI-L dated 18th November 2009 of CPCB. The Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring stations should be preferred in comparison to manual monitoring stations. The CPCB and States shall file a composite Action Plan with timelines for its execution which shall not be more than 3 months. It is expected that all such AAQMS shall be connected to central server of CPCB for reporting analysis of results in a form of Air Quality Bulletin for general public at regular intervals at least on weekly basis and ambient air quality on continuous basis on e-portal. MOEF&CC will provide the requisite funds for the purpose. MoEF&CC in consultation with Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, MoRTH, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Ministry of Agriculture Cooperation and Farmers Welfare or any other Ministry to lay down such guidelines as may be considered necessary for improvement of air quality in the country.

2. The Member Secretary, Telangana State Pollution Control Board (TSPCB) has also informed that Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) prepared a list of non-attainment cities/towns based on the Ambient Air Quality (AAQ) data for the years 2011-2015. According to which Telangana state is having three non-attainment cities/towns viz., Hyderabad, Nalgonda and Patancheruvu. An action plan for lowering the air pollution in Hyderabad is under implementation. In Telangana state 3 non attainment cities / town are listed by CPCB as per the AAQ data from the year 2011 to 2015.

3. The Member Secretary, Telangana State Pollution Control Board (TSPCB) has therefore requested for constitution of the Air Quality Monitoring Committee (AQMC) at the earliest for reviewing and fine tuning of the existing action plan for Hyderabad and Patancheruvu with the latest developments has to be taken up along with the preparation of action plan for Nalgonda City, to enable the state to comply with the directions of the Hon'ble NGT in their orders 1st read above.

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4. Accordingly, Government, hereby constitute the Air Quality Monitoring Committee (AQMC) with the following members for reviewing and fine tuning of the existing action plan for Air Quality for Hyderabad, Patancheru with latest developments and preparation of action plan for Nalgonda city:

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| 1. Director General, Environment, Protection Training Research Institute, Hyderabad. | - Member |
| 2. Commissioner / Director of Transport, Hyderabad. | -Member |
| 3. Commissioner/Director of Industries, Hyd. | -Member |
| 4. Commissioner/Director of Municipal Administration and Urban Development, Hyderabad. | -Member |
| 5. Commissioner/Director, of Agriculture, Hyderabad. | -Member |
| 6. Member Secretary, Telangana State Pollution Control Board, Hyderabad. | -Member Convener |

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

AJAY MISRA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To
The Member Secretary, Telangana State Pollution Control Board, Hyderabad.
The Director General, Environment Protection Training and Research Institute, Hyderabad.
The Commissioner / Director of Transport, Hyderabad.
The Commissioner/Director of Industries, Hyderabad.
The Commissioner/Director of Urban Development, Hyderabad.
The Commissioner/Director, of Agriculture, Hyderabad.
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The TR&B Deptt., Telangana State, Secretariat, Hyderabad.
The Industries & Commerce Department Telangana State, Secretariat, Hyderabad.
The Municipal Administration & Urban Development Department , Telangana State, Secretariat, Hyderabad.
The Agriculture & Cooperation Deptt., Telangana State, Secretariat, Hyderabad.
The Central Pollution Control Board, Regional Directorate of (South) "Nisarga Bhawan", 1st Floor, Thimmaiah Road, 7th 'D' Cross, Shivanagar, Bengaluru- 560079.

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